

# Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, Philadelphia

DATE: October 6, 1949

SUBJECT: HAROLD FEENEY  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

On 10-5-49 Mr. HAROLD FEENEY, Conestoga Road, Wayne, Pennsylvania, former Assistant Instructor, Romance Languages, University of Pennsylvania, appeared in this office to make inquiry relative to possible loyalty investigation being made of him by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. As information, FEENEY has, on several occasions in the last year, volunteered the information to this office concerning possible Communist Party and the Young Progressives of America activities on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania and individuals active in those organizations. FEENEY served during the last war in the U. S. Army, under ASN 33599053, and is currently a member of the U. S. Navy Reserves, under NSN 494621, as a member of the Navy Intelligence.

Mr. FEENEY states he applied for a position with the U. S. State Department as Director of a Cultural Center in Ecuador, S. A., approximately one month ago and subsequent to that application, received telephonic information from some individual in the State Department to the effect the position was his, pending clearance by the FBI who were conducting a "loyalty investigation." FEENEY stated as a result of this call, he had left his position at the University of Pennsylvania and had been making arrangements for shipment of his dependents and household equipment to South America; however, he has failed to receive further orders from the State Department. Mr. FEENEY advised he wanted to assist the Federal Bureau of Investigation, if possible, in its investigation to speed up processing of his records.

Mr. FEENEY was advised by SA HOWARD A. SEARL that any investigation that may have been made, or might possibly be made of him would be confidential and information as to such possible investigation could not be divulged. (Philadelphia indices fail to reflect that any type of investigation is being or has been conducted concerning FEENEY.) Mr. FEENEY was informed that the proper place for inquiry relative to his status was the State Department.

It is of note that FEENEY stated if a loyalty investigation be made concerning him or his activities, he would like to appear in person to offer all assistance possible.

This is submitted for your information, as no further action is contemplated by this office.

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